

REMARKS

The enclosed is responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 11, 2005. At the time the Office Action was mailed, claims 1-3, 6-8, and 10-29 were pending. By way of the present response, the Applicant has amended claims 20 and 26-27, and canceled claims 15-19 and 22-25 without prejudice. No new claims have been added. As such, claims 1-3, 6-8, 10-14, 20-21, and 26-29 are now pending.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected claims 15-18 and 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *McLean* over *Padhi*. The Office Action also rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *McLean* in view of *Padhi*, in further view of *Boyanov*. The Applicant respectfully traverses and reserves the right to swear behind *Boyanov*.

However, to further prosecution, the Applicant has canceled without prejudice claims 15-19 and 22-25 in the present application. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection to claims 15-19 and 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-14 are allowed.

The Office Action objected to claims 20, 21 and 26-29 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, claim 20 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 15, from which claim 20 directly depended. Claim 21 depends from claim 20.

Additionally, claims 26 and 27 have each been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 22, from which claims 26 and 27 each directly depended. Claims 28-29 depend from claim 27.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 20-21 and 26-29 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION


The Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Mr. Jim C. Scheller or Ms. Van N. Nguy at (408) 720-8300.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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